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BYS Minutes 03/14/2007

Minutes of the Board of Youth Services
 March 14, 2007

Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm

Present: Carlene Newell, Jeannette Mills, Elaine Shea, Mary Deyst, Joan Robbio, Gene Lucarelli, Lynn Horgan, Donna Dolan, Larry Greco, ex-officio members Elizabeth Oppedisano, Dave McKenna, and Leon Cantor. Guest: Sean Garballey.

Absent: Dorothy Williams and Cindy Sheridan.

Minutes of January 10, 2007. Motion to accept by Carlene Newell; second by Donna Dolan. Unanimously accepted.

Contributions: To the Arlington Scholarship Fund in Ed Mahoney's name made individually. As sponsors of the Martin Luther King, Jr. committee; \$50 from the Board.

CDBG Grants: Reported by Leon Cantor. Overall CDBG will be level funded this year at \$1.3 million. Board proposals: Thompson Community Outreach -- \$5000

Operation Success Learning Center -- \$8,500

Jobs, Jobs, Jobs -- \$25,000

AYCC Counseling Services -- \$20,000

Arlington Assistance Program -- \$2,500

Motion to accept recommendation to Selectmen of proposed CDBG funding by Elaine Shea, seconded by Carlene Newell. Voted unanimously.

Discussion and request to have Leon gather data on AYCC non-paying clients and the cost they represent.

BYS Retreat: Need reaffirmed. Discussion on retreat agenda, pre-planning, focus on mission, goals, policies, initiatives for next year. Date set for Sunday, June 3rd, from 8 to 12 in the morning. Site to be determined. Joan Robbio will look into finding a facilitator.

Reports:

CAP- Sean Garballey noted bringing CAP up to the School Committee and to the sub-committee that will meet next week. He will check with Kathy Fennelly about the agenda for the sub-committee meeting. Part of program being dropped reported to be issue of time on task for students.

First STEP- Elaine Shea reported that the group numbers were down slightly, but potential new members are being interviewed. Program has been in existence 14 years. Visit and participation of AYCC intern at one meeting was well received.

AYCC- Leon reported on the School Department Cabinet meeting that Patsy Kraemer and he attended. This was for feedback from principals on the AYCC school based counseling program. Response was very positive. Some concerns about interns treating the most challenging cases and how the schools and counseling program were handling students diagnosed Aspergers. Interviewing for next years interns is underway with slightly fewer applicants.

Alcohol Awareness- Elizabeth Oppedisano reported that 63 peer leaders have completed 3 weeks of training. There will be a presentation at Ottoson in late April.

Coalition for Youth Health and Safety- Donna Dolan and Carlene Newell reported on the forum scheduled for

Town Hall on May 3rd. Patsy Kraemer and/or Christine Connolly will be invited to the next board meeting to provide information on the Coalition's work.

New Business:

Boys and Girls Club dinner noted; May 1st. Board plan to have a table.

Passing of Pat Canniff, former AYCC secretary, noted. Elaine moved that the Board make donations in her name to the Arlington Gift Fund. Seconded by Jeannette Mills. Approved unanimously.

Ottoson Middle School update and discussion. Larry Greco summarized the points presented at the School Committee meeting the night before. Concern focused on changes in emphasis at the school. Principal not being renewed for next year noted and discussed. Board talked about possibly responding in official way to the situation. No action taken.

Meeting schedule set for next two months: April 11, 2007 and May 9, 2007.
Motion to adjourn by Larry Greco, seconded by Jeannette Mills.
Adjourned at 9:25

Respectfully submitted by Donna Dolan.